

III.

NOTICES OF THE ISLE OF THE LOCH OF BANCHORY, THE ISLE OF LOCH CANMOR, AND OTHER SCOTTISH EXAMPLES OF THE ARTIFICIAL OR STOCKADED ISLANDS, CALLED *CRANNOGES* IN IRELAND, AND *KELTISCHEN PFAHLBAUTEN* IN SWITZERLAND. BY JOSEPH ROBERTSON, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

[This communication will be given in a subsequent portion of the volume, to enable Mr Robertson to avail himself of several important additions to his collections relating to these ancient remains.]

MONDAY, 18th *January* 1858.

THE HONOURABLE LORD NEAVES in the Chair.

A curious Brass-hilted Bayonet-sword, found in a morass about 300 yards south-west of Colonel Gardiner's house, adjoining the battle-field of Prestonpans, was exhibited by the Rev. JOHN STRUTHERS, F.S.A. Scot., Minister of Prestonpans.

The Donations laid on the table included—

Several specimens of Scottish Billon Plaacks of James VI., known by the name of Achesouns, and forming part of a collection consisting of nearly 150 found last autumn, about a foot below the surface, at the end of an old house in Prestonpans. By the Rev. J. STRUTHERS, F.S.A. Scot.

The inscriptions, which on most of the pieces are remarkably distinct, are, on the one side, the royal arms crowned, with the legend JACOBVS 6. D.G.R. SCOTOR; and on the reverse, a leaved thistle crowned, with the legend OPPIDVM EDINBVRG. What excites curiosity connected with them is the fact of their all being of the same die, in good preservation, and their being found in the neighbourhood of the place where a brother of Achesoun of Gosford lived at the period of their coinage; as also there being an Achesoun, master of the mint, about the same period. There is a vague tradition in the district that there was at one time a cunziehouse belonging to the Achesouns near Morrison's Haven, which was formerly styled Achesoun's Haven, and under that name, the site of one of the earliest Mason Lodges in Scotland.

Similar coins from the same neighbourhood were presented to the Society at its last meeting.

MS. Diary of George Sinclair, Esq. of Ulbster (grandfather of the donor), in three vols. post 8vo, written between January 1738 and September 1739, chiefly during a Continental Tour. By Sir GEORGE SINCLAIR, Bart. of Ulbster.

An Urn, and Fragment of another, together with a portion of a Skull, recently found in short stone Cists at Windymains, Haddingtonshire. By Mr ROBERT FORMAN, Tenant of Windymains. These remains are described in the subsequent communication on the subject.

Proceedings and Papers of the Kilkenny and South-East of Ireland Archæological Society. Nos. 9, 10, 11 of Vol. i., New Series, 1857, 8vo. By the SOCIETY.

Archæologia Cambrensis. No. 10, Third Series, April 1857. By the CAMBRIAN ARCHÆOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia. Vol. vi., No. 56, July to December 1856.

Transactions of the American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia. Vol. xi., New Series, Part i., 1857. By the SOCIETY.

Four large and Twelve small Roman Altars and Inscribed Stones, mostly found in the early part of last century at Middleby, in Annandale, and in the Roman Wall between the rivers Forth and Clyde, called "Graham's Dyke." By the Right Hon. Sir GEORGE CLERK, Bart. of Penicuik.

The following Communications were read:—